

REMARKS

Applicant's undersigned counsel appreciates Examiner Vo's continued careful and thorough examination of the present application. This Amendment is filed to respond to the Section 112, second paragraph rejections in the last Office action. While Applicant believes there is no indefiniteness in the claims and that their meaning and scope are clear, the claims nevertheless are amended herein to remove the issue for purposes of appeal.

Specifically, the claims have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph on the ground that the preamble in claim 47 recites an improper hybrid combination. The Examiner has stated that "the preamble 'an automotive body panel' is not consistent with the body of the claim which includes a combination of a heat shield and an automotive body panel." Claim 47 has now been amended to recite "A *combination* comprising an automobile body panel having a heat shield fastened or mounted to said body panel." All dependent claims have been amended similarly, for consistency with claim 47. No new matter has been entered, and there is no change in claim scope. The claim amendments herein are merely to respond to the indefiniteness rejection by the Examiner, and will not involve significant additional consideration or search because the scope of the claims is unaffected.

Regarding the art-based rejections, Applicant's counsel is currently preparing a Notice of Appeal to appeal all of the art-based rejections. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for purposes of appeal because it resolves the Section 112 rejections, thus simplifying the issues to be argued on appeal.

If Examiner Vo has any questions regarding the present submission, or if she believes there will be any problem entering the same for purposes of appeal, she is requested to please contact the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

If there are any required fees that are not covered by the enclosed check, please charge said fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 35691US1.

Respectfully submitted,

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